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1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO EXTEND PREVIOUSLY RELEASED GUIDANCE (MSG DTG: 121558Z JUN 08 AND 111710Z JAN 08) AUTHORIZING WEAR OF BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM (BDU) COLD WEATHER OUTER GARMENTS WITH THE ABU. THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN IS THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF OUR AIRMEN.

2. IN JUNE 2008, I EXTENDED THE AUTHORITY FOR MAJCOM COMMANDERS TO AUTHORIZE WEAR OF THE BDU GORE-TEX AND/OR FIELD JACKET WITH THE ABU WHEN OTHER APPROVED COLD WEATHER OPTIONS ARE UNAVAILABLE OR UNSERVICEABLE.

3. WHILE WE FULLY ANTICIPATE MEETING THE AIR FORCE'S COLD WEATHER BASE NEEDS BY THIS WINTER SEASON, WE ARE ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REALITIES OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY DELIVERY TRENDS. THEREFORE, ANTICIPATING THE NEEDS OF AIRMEN, I AM EXTENDING THE EXISTING ABU/BDU COLD WEATHER OUTER GARMENT "MIX AND MATCH" POLICY TO 1 MAY 2010.

4. FOR ASSISTANCE OR QUESTIONS PLEASE HAVE YOUR STAFF CONTACT THE AIR FORCE UNIFORMS AND RECOGNITION BRANCH VIA E-MAIL AT AF/A1SOU.WORKFLOW@PENTAGON.AF.MIL.

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